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To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2011

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mr. INOUE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

Reported by Mr. LIEBERMAN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Asia-Pacific Economic
3 Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS**
5 **TRAVEL CARDS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
7 rity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, is author-
8 ized to establish a mechanism by which the Secretary of
9 Homeland Security may issue Asia-Pacific Economic Co-
10 operation Business Travel Cards (referred to in this sec-
11 tion as “ABT Cards”) to any eligible person, including
12 business leaders and United States Government officials
13 who are actively engaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Co-
14 operation business. An individual may not receive an ABT
15 Card under this section unless the individual has been ap-
16 proved and is in good standing in an international trusted
17 traveler program of the Department of Homeland Secu-
18 rity.

19 (b) INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PRO-
20 GRAMS.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may inte-
21 grate application procedures for, and issuance, suspension,
22 and revocation of, ABT Cards with other appropriate
23 international trusted traveler programs of the Department
24 of Homeland Security.

1 (e) COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.—In
 2 carrying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
 3 rity may consult with appropriate private sector entities.

4 (d) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Homeland Se-
 5 curity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, may
 6 prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry
 7 out this section, including regulations regarding conditions
 8 of or limitations on eligibility for an ABT Card.

9 (e) FEE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
 11 Security may—

12 (A) prescribe and collect a fee for the
 13 issuance of ABT Cards; and

14 (B) adjust such fee to the extent the Sec-
 15 retary determines to be necessary to comply
 16 with paragraph (2).

17 (2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Homeland
 18 Security shall ensure that the total amount of the
 19 fees collected under paragraph (1) during any fiscal
 20 year is sufficient to offset the direct and indirect
 21 costs associated with carrying out this section during
 22 such fiscal year.

23 (3) ACCOUNT FOR COLLECTIONS.—There is es-
 24 tablished in the Treasury of the United States an
 25 “APEC Business Travel Card Account” into which

1 the fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be de-
 2 posited as offsetting receipts.

3 (4) ~~USE OF FUNDS.—~~Amounts deposited into
 4 the APEC Business Travel Card Account—

5 (A) shall be credited to the appropriate ac-
 6 count of the Department of Homeland Security
 7 for expenses incurred in carrying out this sec-
 8 tion; and

9 (B) shall remain available until expended.

10 (f) ~~AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—~~There
 11 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of
 12 Homeland Security such sums as may be necessary to im-
 13 plement this section.

14 (g) ~~TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—~~The Secretary of
 15 Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of
 16 State, may terminate activities under this section if the
 17 Secretary of Homeland Security determines such action
 18 to be in the interest of the United States.

19 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

20 *This Act may be cited as the “Asia-Pacific Economic*
 21 *Cooperation Business Travel Cards Act of 2011”.*

22 **SEC. 2. ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUSINESS**
 23 **TRAVEL CARDS.**

24 (a) *IN GENERAL.—*During the 7-year period ending
 25 on September 30, 2018, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-

1 rity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, is author-
 2 ized to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business
 3 Travel Cards (referred to in this section as “ABT Cards”)
 4 to any eligible person, including business leaders and
 5 United States Government officials who are actively en-
 6 gaged in Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation business. An
 7 individual may not receive an ABT Card under this section
 8 unless the individual has been approved and is in good
 9 standing in an international trusted traveler program of
 10 the Department of Homeland Security.

11 (b) *INTEGRATION WITH EXISTING TRAVEL PRO-*
 12 *GRAMS.*—The Secretary of Homeland Security may inte-
 13 grate application procedures for, and issuance, suspension,
 14 and revocation of, ABT Cards with other appropriate inter-
 15 national trusted traveler programs of the Department of
 16 Homeland Security.

17 (c) *COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES.*—In car-
 18 rying out this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security
 19 may consult with appropriate private sector entities.

20 (d) *RULEMAKING.*—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
 21 rity, in coordination with the Secretary of State, may pre-
 22 scribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out
 23 this section, including regulations regarding conditions of
 24 or limitations on eligibility for an ABT Card.

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2 *Security may—*

3 (A) *prescribe and collect a fee for the*
4 *issuance of ABT Cards; and*

5 (B) *adjust such fee to the extent the Sec-*
6 *retary determines to be necessary to comply with*
7 *paragraph (2).*

8 (2) *LIMITATION.*—*The Secretary of Homeland*
9 *Security shall ensure that the total amount of the fees*
10 *collected under paragraph (1) during any fiscal year*
11 *is sufficient to offset the direct and indirect costs asso-*
12 *ciated with carrying out this section during such fis-*
13 *cal year, including the costs associated with estab-*
14 *lishing the program.*

15 (3) *ACCOUNT FOR COLLECTIONS.*—*There is estab-*
16 *lished in the Treasury of the United States an*
17 *“APEC Business Travel Card Account” into which*
18 *the fees collected under paragraph (1) shall be depos-*
19 *ited as offsetting receipts.*

20 (4) *USE OF FUNDS.*—*Amounts deposited into the*
21 *APEC Business Travel Card Account—*

22 (A) *shall be credited to the appropriate ac-*
23 *count of the Department of Homeland Security*
24 *for expenses incurred in carrying out this sec-*
25 *tion; and*

1 *(B) shall remain available until expended.*

2 *(f) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of*
3 *Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of*
4 *State, may terminate activities under this section if the*
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